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DETAILED ACTION

This is the non-final Office Action for the serial number 10/630,731, DISPLAY SUBSTRATE ACCOMMODATING TRAY AND APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REMOVING THE DISPLAY SUBSTRATE, filed on 7/31/03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 9 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent # 6,116,427 to Wu et al.

Wu et al. teaches a tray (3) comprising a bottom section (300,33), a frame (301), a flange-like engaging section (305) protruding externally from walls of the frame in a substantially horizontal fashion, and a positional portion (306) provided along a periphery of the frame. The frame is provided along a periphery of the bottom section and projects to a level higher than a level of a top surface of the bottom section. The width of the frame is substantially larger than the height of the top of the top surface of the frame above the top surface of the bottom section. The bottom section has plurality of openings (321-322).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu et al. in further view of Japan Patent # 236,953 to Nakajima et al.

Wu et al. teaches the bottom section and frame but fails to teach the bottom section and frame are formed from a synthetic resin foam material. Nakajima et al. teaches the synthetic foam material (10). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Wu et al.'s bottom section and frame with synthetic resin foam material as taught by Nakajima et al. to reduce weight in the tray for convenience of transporting it in a different location.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-8, 13 and 16-18 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 5, 9, 12 and 14 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joey Wujciak whose telephone number is (571) 272-6827 or send e-mail to the examiner at Joey.Wujciak@uspto.gov. The fax machine telephone number for the Technology Center is (571) 273 8300.

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